

**District IV Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 7, 2006**  
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library. In attendance were eight (8) District Advisory Board members, five (5) staff and approximately four (4) citizens with four (4) signing in.

**Members Present**

Peggy Bennett  
Jim Benton  
Joshua Blick  
Mary Cockburn  
Tom Englemann  
Ed Koon  
Doug Leeper  
Gerald Marsh  
Jerry McGinty

Council Member Gray

**Members Absent**

Michael Gisick

**Staff Present**

Officer Floyd, Police  
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office  
Gary Janzen, Public Works  
John Schlegel, Planning  
Officer Tejeda, Police

**Guests**

Gavin Buchanan, 1425 S Sedgwick  
Patricia Coombs, 1926 S Bonn  
Coletta Ricketts, 514 W Hendryx  
Geroge Walta, 10630 Carr

**Order of Business**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Mary Cockburn (Benton)** moved to approve the agenda for the June 7, 2006 meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

- **Jim Benton (Engelmann)** moved to approve the minutes for the May 3, 2006 meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

**Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled Items**

No items were submitted.

**2. Off-Agenda Items**

No items were submitted

## **Staff Presentations**

### **3. Community Police Officers**

**Officer Floyd** reported the following:

On 27 beat (Maize south of 31<sup>st</sup>, the river to Meridian):

- Skater graffiti around May and Seneca
  - Potted plant and yard light thefts
  - Neighborhood oriented traffic enforcement to reduce speeding
  - July 1 is the Southwest Neighborhood Association cleanup
  - July 4 is approaching so make sure you are aware of City ordinances regarding what fireworks can be used in the City.
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- Beat 28 will have a new community police officer June 17
  - There is a spray painted stove on a building on 31<sup>st</sup> St S which Public Works will remove.

**Officer Tejeda** also presented issues in some of the district beats:

- Beat 12 (Delano area)
  - There is a neighborhood clean-up June 17.
  - July 15 there will be a music fest with live bands.
  - There is a concern of drug activity at a bar on west Douglas which OCI and Environmental Services will also be notified about.
- Beat 13 (South of Delano) –
  - Successful truancy project with crime decreasing.
  - Warrants were served on scrap metal cases
- Beats 14
  - Officer Mallard is the new Community Police Officer
  - Sunflower Neighborhood Association continues to move signs to crime hot spots in the area which has been successful
- Beat 15
  - Need to address speeding
- Beat 16
  - Theft of aluminum during the week
  - Hotel and apartment larcenies (auto theft)
- Beat 17
  - ATV's and RV's being tagged and City ordinances regarding location of these vehicles are being enforced
  - Extra patrol is being used to reduce scrap metal theft
- Beat 18
  - Need to address speeding
  - Youth stealing lawn ornaments
  - Drag Racing on York

**Action Taken:** Receive and File.

#### **4. Waterman /Arena Area Improvements**

**John Schlegel, Planning,** and **Gary Janzen, Public Works,** presented the item. On May 16, 2006, as part of a workshop discussion, the City Council considered four options for Waterman improvements. The City Council referred the options to the District Advisory Boards for comment.

The improvements consist of a large concrete box culvert and the complete reconstruction of Waterman from the Arkansas River to Washington. The intersection of Waterman at Washington will be improved to provide left turn lanes at all four approaches. The four options for the Waterman roadway are:

- Option 1. Four 10' traffic lanes with a 6' parking area and a 6' sidewalk on each side of the street.
- Option 2. Four 11' traffic lanes with 10' sidewalks. This option will provide more trees, easier traffic access, but with less curbside parking (approximately 60-80 fewer spaces.) The Design Council and 4 other District Advisory Boards recommend this option.
- Option 3. Four 10' traffic lanes with a center 6' landscaped median/turn lane and 6' sidewalks.
- Option 4. Four 10' traffic lanes with a center two-way left turn lane and 6' sidewalks and eliminate parking and landscaping.

The estimated project cost is \$7,000,000. The funding source is a combination of City and County funds.

The Board and citizens present asked the following questions regarding the request (**Mr. Schlegel's** and **Mr. Janzen's** responses are in italics):

- If there are no turn signals with the option chosen will this cause traffic back-up? *Yes, but there will have to be traffic cops present no matter what improvements are done due to the large traffic volume anticipated after events held at the arena.*
- Requested clarification on where the sidewalks will extend. *It goes to the railroad tracks, actually to Washington and will work in conjunction with the project at Waterman and Washington. The sidewalks will connect the hotels, Waterwalk and the arena, so the wider sidewalks will accommodate more people.*
- Will the median provide people a safe way to cross the street? *The median is not long and not mid-block and people tend to cross the street when they want also.*
- How will the loss of parking be accommodated? *Additional parking will be added on the north and side to prevent slowing traffic down.*
- What are the differences in cost and maintenance for each of the options? The difference in maintenance cost is pretty marginal. *The median in option 3 would require maintenance, but the rest are pretty comparable.*
- Will additional Right of Way be purchased for this project? *No.*

- What businesses are presently or could develop around the area that will be affected? *There is a work release facility, car dealership that will hopefully want to redevelop. There is great potential for other retail and housing in this area.*
- Will the power lines be moved underground? *This is being looked at and evaluated.*
- Could there be a compromise for a left turn bay to be placed at Broadway? *Staff recommends no turn bays on Waterman because it is believed that this will only increase traffic congestion. In addition to the fact that you can go only go one way on most of the surrounding streets, so this would not be helpful.*
- Will this project be completed concurrent with the construction of the arena? *These improvements will be made before the construction of the arena begins.*

**Action Taken:** The Board recommended to approve project option 2 by a vote of 8-0 (McGinty: Cockburn).

## **BOARD AGENDA**

### **5. Board Updates and Issues**

- Bastille Day is July 16.
- The Delano Clock Tower is repaired.
- The Southwest Neighborhood Association held elections at their May meeting and elected Josh Blick President. They are also having a clean-up July 1.
- National Night Out is August 1.
- Due to confusion over the library master plan, presentations will be made to the District Advisory Boards next month.
- Doug Leeper and Marjorie Griffith have resigned, so please let Council Member Gray know of any potential replacements. He is also needing to fill vacancies on the Sister Cities Board and Public Building Commission.
- City Parks are not very well utilized.
- Due to citizen intervention, no C and D Landfill will go in around Hoover and McArthur. There is also a rock crushing plant there which is being reconsidered by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.
- The rock crushing plant at K-15 and 31<sup>st</sup> St S will also close in 5 years

**Action Taken:** Received and filed.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.**